Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Government thought that an occasional verification of the costly store was desirable and therefore they ordered a verification.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when the last verification was done?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* This was hitherto done by the medical officers. Government thought that an independent verification is desirable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it the case of Government that they were not satisfied with the checking of the medical officers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is no question of satisfaction. Government only thought that an independent verification would be a desirable thing.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are we to take it that there are no special reasons for this verification?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Was this store audited in the past by any outside agency?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There was no independent verification by any outside agency. It was being done by the medical officers in the past.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* What made Government to do this now?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Government thought that it was desirable.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Hereafter once in three years, it will be done by an outside agency.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി : കൺട്രോളറാഫീസ്സ് ക്ലാക്ക ചെക്ക ചെയ്യുവാൻ മാത്രമല്ലേ ഉള്ളു.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* A separate staff is necessary.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി : ലോക്കൽ ആഡിറ്റസ്സാഫിലേ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ : ലോക്കൽ ആഡിറ്റിൽ പെട്ടതല്ല ഇതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : അഡീഷണൽ ഫൺഡ്സ് കൂടാതെ ഇതു ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കയിലേ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ : ഇല്ല.

Demand put and carried

10. Rs. 300 under "38—Miscellaneous—Refund of Lapsed R. T. Rs."

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 under "38 Miscellaneous—Refund of Lapsed R. T. Rs." The amount provided in the Budget for this purpose is only Rs. 200. This amount is found to be insufficient to meet the actual requirements of this year. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* What do you mean by R. T. Rs.?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Remittance Transfer Receipts from treasury to treasury.

Demand put and carried

11. Rs. 18,000 under "7 Excise—2—Manufacture of Salt"

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 18,000 under "7 Excise—2—Manufacture of Salt." Our Government has started the manufacture of salt in the State to make it self-sufficient as far as possible in that respect. An officer has been got down from British service for this purpose. The scheme was prepared and work commenced only after the beginning of the year. Government had sanctioned a lump sum of Rs. 50,000 for the manufacture of salt this year. But on reference to the Special Officer, it is understood that only 15·33 acres could be prepared this year for the manufacture and the cost involved including pay of staff and cost of instruments will come to Rs. 21,000. There is provision in the Budget for Rs. 3,000. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 18,000 has become necessary. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Has any salt been already manufactured?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It is under the process of manufacture.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether this Rs. 21,000 to be spent is on capital works?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* This is capital expenditure.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The benefit of spending this amount will be utilised for the next year also?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* We will be reaping the benefits in later years.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Which is the locality that has been selected?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* Malippuram.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether it is for the manufacture of salt?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* It is for constructing salt pans.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What will be the quantity of salt that we will be getting this year?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* We will be getting about 7,500 maunds this year.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Is there any idea of getting down people from British India?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* There is no idea of getting down people from British India.

Demand put and carried

12. Rs. 1,600 under "7—Excise—Refunds"

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,600 under "7 Excise Refunds." Remission was granted to toddy shop licensees in 1116 and it was extended to the defaulters also who paid all arrears completely. The defaulters could get credit for the bare remission amount alone and hence at the time of remitting the balance amount of arrears, the interest on the entire arrears should have been paid by them. Instead of doing so, some of the defaulters inadvertently remitted only the interest on the balance amount of arrears, deducting the amount that would be allowed as remission from the original arrear demand. Subsequently these interest amounts were also paid by them and Government extended the benefit of remission to those licensees also. The licensees did not pay the amounts due from them in 1117 itself and hence the remission was not paid in 1117. On the assumption that the remission will be paid in 1117, the amount was not included in the current year's budget. Now the licensees have paid the arrears and they are entitled for the remission. Hence the necessity for this additional allotment. I request the House to grant the same.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ആകെ ഫ, ന റ ൦൦ക.യെയുള്ളൂ.

പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ : എല്ലാവക്കും കൊടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞു ബാക്കിയുള്ളതാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : റിമിഷൻ കൊടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞോ ?

പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ : കൊടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Demand put and carried

13. Rs. 500 under "7—Excise Refunds"

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "7—Excise Refunds" Gallonage fee in full was collected on the entire quantity of foreign liquor kept in the premises of the Travancore National and Quilon Bank. A part of the liquor had since been exported to places outside the State. According to the rules, the gallonage fee collected on the quantity exported has to be refunded to the Liquidators of the Travancore National and Quilon Bank. The amount required for this is Rs. 436—13—0. For meeting similar cases which may crop up during the course of the year, an amount of Rs. 63—3—0 more will be required. There is no budget provision for these and also savings are not available for reappropriation from other heads. Hence the necessity for this additional allotment. I request the House to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

14. Rs. 3,000 under "22-1-Medical—Miscellaneous"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,000 under "22-1-Medical Miscellaneous". This is by way of contribution to

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